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SUBJECT: VISIT OF RICHARD SCHUBERT, UNDER SECRETARY OF
LABOR

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1. UNDER SECRETARY SCHUBERT HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH FRENCH LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS DURING HIS PARIS
VISIT. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF LABOR DURAFOR,
DETAINED BY TALKS WITH UNION LEADER, PIERRE
SCHOPFLIN, CABINET DIRECTOR (AND IN FACT MR. SCHUBERT'S
OPPOSITE NUMBER IN FRENCH LABOR MINISTRY) MET WITH
HIM, AS DID SEVERAL MINISTRY TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

2. DURING THE MEETING MR. SCHUBERT EMPHASIZED THE
NECESSITY FOR BILATERAL EXCHANGES OF DATA ON MATTERS
OF COMMON INTEREST, SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT OF YOUTH,
INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, OPPORTUNITIES FOR
HANDICAPPED WORKERS, AND, IN PARTICULAR, RESEARCH
UNDERTAKEN ON SUCH HAZARDS TO INDUSTRIAL WORKERS
AS NOXIOUS MATERIALS, NOISE, ETC. MINISTRY OFFICIALS
EXPRESSED GENUINE INTEREST IN SUCH EXCHANGES OF
DATA AND EXPERIENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY INDICATED
THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD WELCOME TRANSMITTAL OF LABOR
DEPT FINDINGS AND STANDARDS CONCERNING POLYVINYL
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CHLORIDE AND OTHER CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES.

3. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE
WOULD ACT AS A CHANNEL FOR SUCH EXCHANGES OF
TECHNICAL INFORMATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND US
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

4. MR. SCHUBERT EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR A VISIT
TO THE US BY MINISTER DURAFOUR AT A TIME OF THE
LATTER'S CHOOSING. SCHOPFLIN RESPONDED WITH OBVIOUS
PLEASURE TO THE UNDER SECRETARY'S GESTURE AND SAID
THAT THE MINISTER WOULD BE GLAD TO VISIT THE US
AS SOON AS HIS SCHEDULE PERMITTED.
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